

Prayers by Hilary Peake on behalf of St. Peter's Church

A few days ago as I got out of my car in a local car park a man came towards me and said "I have just followed you all the way here". My first reaction was oh no, what have I done wrong? My second was there's something wrong with the car. Before I could think of anything else he said "It was a pleasure to follow you". Now I'm a little concerned. He then said "You have an indicator and used it". I just laughed. Then followed a lovely conversation about how he disliked the flashing dot lights now on indicators and what a pleasure to see a real one and someone actually using the indicator. A stranger encounter, a few kind words, it made my day. His parting words were "What a joy". Pray and give thanks for kindness and joy in the ordinary everyday things. Maybe your action or kind words will make a difference to someone's day too.

We said goodbye to Dave Brae and family last weekend as they move onto new beginnings. We will miss them all. Dave left us with a challenge to support and pray for one another and the town of Bolton. That God's Spirit will move in us and our town. Pray and give thanks for kindness and joy for Dave and family. For one another and the town of Bolton. For God's plans in all things. Pray and give thanks for kindness and joy for our APCM, the past year and achievements and the challenges and concerns we face.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6: 24-25

Please pray for: Christine Cocker. E-mail office@stpetersparish.info if you want your name to appear on this list as consent must be given by the individual concerned.

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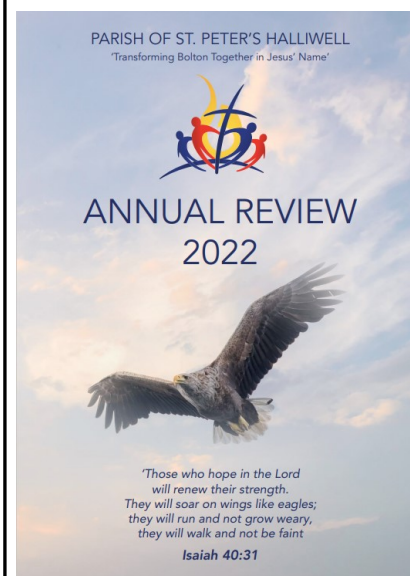


Welcome to St. Peter's. We are 4 churches:
St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, Barrow Bridge and Smithills Fellowship

Sunday 21st May 2023

Rev. Alan writes...

Our season of annual meetings comes to a climax with our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) TODAY, 4pm at St. Peter's**. Everyone is invited to unite to hear how we are doing as a parish and look forward to the future. Part of the meeting will



involve the election, if necessary, and appointment of our PCC members who are the trustees of the parish with legal responsibility to oversee our activities. In addition, we will appoint our Deanery Synod representatives and Church Wardens. There are two sets of reports available to keep everyone well-informed. Firstly, our Charity Commission Financial Statements which are our audited legal record, and secondly, our Annual Reports which contain a summary of various ministries and activities of the church – my thanks to everyone who has done a superb job of pulling these together over recent weeks. The whole meeting will take place in the context of worship and prayer to show that all our business is to the glory of God. I hope you will join us.

Save the date for Bolton Deanery Summer Praise: Taking place with the new Bishop of Bolton, Rev. Dr. Michael Porter, on **Thursday 13th July at 7.30pm** at Bolton Parish Church. Hosted by Bolton Central Mission Community. All welcome.

World Focus Sunday: Daniel Munayer, who is now the Executive Director of Musalaha - one of our long-standing mission partners - will be speaking at both the 10:30am and 6:30pm services **NEXT Sunday (28th)** in St. Peter's Church. There will also be an opportunity to buy **Olive Wood** products after all St. Peter's services that day. Please speak to Elaine or Phil Weaver for more info.



Church services across the parish today:

St. Peter's Church: 8.30am Service of the Word; 10.30am Morning service with Communion. Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/xZwUKNnB4bA>; 4pm APCM; There is **NO 6.30pm service today** due to the APCM. **Our sister churches:** 10am Smithills Fellowship (Time Out); 10.30am Barrow Bridge (Communion) and 10.30am St. Andrew's.



Lighthouse (Ages 4-13): TODAY in St. Peter's Parish Centre from 10.20am - 11.45am. Contact Ben on 07512 753201/ lighthouse@stpetersparish.info.

General Activities at St. Peter's Parish Centre:

Monday 22nd: 10am-12noon The Coffee Room. This cafe is *open to everyone*; 9.30am-10.30am/11am-12noon Strength and Balance class. To go on the waiting list, contact 599900/amanda@stpetersparish.info; 1.30pm-3.30pm Art Group. All welcome. Contact ruthrobinson293@gmail.com

Tuesday 23rd: 10am-11.30am Little Wiggles. All parents and carers welcome at this group for babies and toddlers. No need to book, just turn up!; 7.30pm-9pm TREAD. Youth group for years 7+. Contact Ben on 07512 753201.

Wednesday 24th: 10am Open Door. All ladies welcome. Coffee until 10.20am. Bible discussion with Rev. Alan Saunders. Contact Sandra Lewis on 846490.

Thursday 25th: 10am Aerobics. All welcome. Contact Paula on 07913 408141; 1pm-2.45pm The Well Toddler Group. Contact Parish Office on 599900:

Friday 26th: 10.30am Friday Life. Everyone welcome. Contact denis.collier@gmail.com; 8pm Stressbusters. Badminton. Everyone welcome. Contact Geoff Barlow on 561760 / 07835 388732.

Saturday 27th: 9am-12noon (age-related sessions) INTERACT School of Performing Arts. Contact Emma on 07896 724531.

General Activities at St. Andrew's (Hope Centre):

Tuesday 16th: 9.45am-11.30am TOTS Parent and Toddler Group.

Contact Julie on 07835 014470 for details.

Wednesday 17th: From 9am The Hub. Drop-in session. A warm welcome awaits and friendly conversation, refreshments and fun activities.



Baptisms: Please pray for Adeline Shurlock and Giorgia Morrison-Oddi who are being baptised **TODAY (21st)** in St. Peter's Church. We thank God for the gift of these children and for their parents, godparents, family and friends on this special occasion.

CAP Thank you: Sam says "Thanks for praying for the CAP Client event at the Bridge Horwich. 8 of our clients went to hear Barry Woodward's story and the gospel explained and we know that 3 of them responded to the invitation to follow Christ for the very first time. Please pray for all 32 people who responded in some way as they begin their faith journey and pray they attend the Alpha course that begins on May 23rd! "

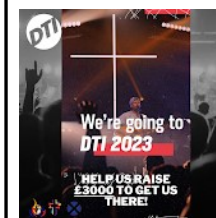


Barrow Bridge Duck Race: NEXT Sunday (28th) at 1pm. Come along and have a quacking time—guaranteed to be a lot of fun! Ducks are £1, enter as many as you like. Modest prizes for the winner of each race.

Fundraisers for Good News For Romania: On Saturday, 10th June, Rev. Alan, Ben Latham, Suzanne and Jack Guy are walking across the (very scary) Infinity Bridge at Honister slate mine. To sponsor them, please contact them, Dave or Kath or email davidandkath@hotmail.com. Also, on Saturday 1st July from 4.30pm-6.30pm, at Café Create there is an afternoon tea dance, with music and song from Geoff and Yvonne Irwin. Tickets are £25 per person and all proceeds will go to GNfR. To book, email createoperationsmanager@gmail.com. Thank you.



Dreaming the Impossible (DTI): This summer we are teaming up with Christ Church Pennington and St. Andrew's Over Hulton to take our young people to this 5 day, life changing Christian festival. **DTI aims to inspire them in their faith and walk with Jesus but comes at a cost and we need your support for it to happen!** We



want to raise £3000 to help cover the cost of leaders' tickets and transport and subsidise the cost of food and any families struggling to pay the full ticket price. During June and July we will be doing fundraising events but for info or to give a one-off donation, go to <https://stpetersparish.info/young-people-dti-2023/>. Any support you can give is greatly appreciated, thank you.

Teachers Urgently Needed in Nepal: Kathmandu International Study Centre (K.I.S.C) is in need of teachers of French, History, English and German. Interested? Info from Rev. Craig Watson at craig.watson63@me.com / director@kisc.edu.np.

Support for Kadens Wishes: Kaden is the cousin of Charlotte Gresty from our church family. He was born with spina bifida and has significant health problems that have required 194 operations to date so he has spent most of his life in hospital. Kaden is now receiving palliative care. He will be 21 this year and his family are fundraising to make special memories to celebrate this milestone. **Can you help please?** For details, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/kc2ky-kadens-wishes?>